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# ***State Library of Iowa***

## ***Services for State Legislators***

### **Legal**

***State Capitol Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
(515) 281-5124  
[www.silo.lib.ia.us](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us)***

### **Census, Medical, Government Policy, Management Issues, Patents**

***Ola Babcock Miller Building  
1112 E. Grand Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
(515) 281-4102  
[www.silo.lib.ia.us](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us)***

### **Phone Numbers/E-Mail**

Census Reference	515-281-4350
General Reference	515-281-4102
Interlibrary Loan	515-281-6920
Legal Reference	515-281-5124
Medical Reference	515-281-5772
Administrative Offices	515-281-4105
Toll Free	1-800-248-4483

Fax (Information Desk)	515-242-6543
Fax (Legal Reference)	515-281-5405
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**State Library Web Site:**  
**[www.silo.lib.ia.us](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us)**

### **State Library of Iowa**

The State Library of Iowa was originally chartered in 1838 when Iowa was still a territory. The library moved via covered wagon as the capitol moved, finally locating in Des Moines circa 1857. A soaring five-story library was built inside the State Capitol Building, opening in 1884, where the legal collection still remains. In 1910, work was completed on the "new" historical building and the State Library (except for the legal collection) moved into the east wing. The building was recently restored to its former glory and in 2001 was renamed the Ola Babcock Miller Building. For 165 years, the State Library has maintained its proud tradition of serving Iowans.

### **Information Services and Subject Specialties**

**8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**

The State Library's information experts and resource materials will help make your research easier and more effective. When you need assistance, call the State Library at (515) 281-4102.

#### **Subject specialties include:**

- law
- Iowa demographics
- medicine
- federal documents (selected publications of the federal government)
- management
- government
- state documents (publications of state government)
- patents

### **24 Hour Service/Web-Based Resources**

The libraries in the Ola Babcock Miller building and the Capitol building are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information requests may be submitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-state-govt/reference-questions](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-state-govt/reference-questions). State Library staff will respond to your request the next business day.

**EBSCOhost** is a web-based information resource which includes the full text of magazines, newspapers and reference tools. Access to EBSCOhost is made possible through a partnership between the State Library of Iowa and Iowa's Area Education Agencies. Access EBSCOhost on the Internet by using your State Library Card number. ([www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-state-govt/databases/ebsco-access.htm](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/for-state-govt/databases/ebsco-access.htm))

**The State Data Center** is the official source for U.S. census statistics about Iowa, with more than 1,000 demographic tables and maps about Iowa and its counties, cities and townships. ([www.silo.lib.ia.us/specialized-services/datacenter](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/specialized-services/datacenter))

**Health Info Iowa** is a web site with links to current, authoritative sources of medical information for health care practitioners and consumers. ([www.healthinfoiowa.org](http://www.healthinfoiowa.org))

### **Materials Check Out**

With your State Library card, you may borrow materials from our collections for three weeks. Materials may be renewed.

### **Information Delivery - To Your Desk**

Most materials held by the State Library, in either location, can be sent to your office the next business day. Books, reports, and journal articles not owned by the State Library can be borrowed from another library through interlibrary loan. Photocopied materials generally take from 2-7 days to arrive; books take a little longer.